OUR VALUES

We value free and open access to the library and library services for all citizens.

We value our patrons by serving them equally, respectfully, and with a friendly attitude.

We value lifelong learning and reading for joy.

We value the privacy of our patrons.

We value our community by playing an active role in improving quality of life.

BOARD OF TRUSTEES

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BOARD MEETING

The next board meeting is scheduled for February 8, 2022 at 4:30 pm at the Findlay-Hancock County Public Library.

LIBRARY CLOSURES IN FEBRUARY

The library will be closed on February 21 to observe President’s Day

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Dear Friends,

Each quarter our management team reviews the library’s progress toward our strategic plan goals. We note successes, adjust to address challenges, and look ahead to the coming quarter. Our latest review covered the fourth quarter of 2021, but also provided a good opportunity to look back over our first year of this plan.

The library’s staff has done a great job of completing tasks like conducting a diversity audit of our print collection and adding a StoryWalk at Benton Ridge park. I’m very appreciative of their careful planning and successful execution of these, and many other, goals. I’m also pleased to look back at what we accomplished in 2021 and see the many times our strategic plan guided us in saying yes to a new opportunity.

A great example of this is the Dolly Parton’s Imagination Library program. Our strategic plan includes goals to “support parents as the first teachers of their children” and “increase accessibility to literacy programs and resources throughout the county.” The Imagination Library mails books directly to children’s homes throughout Hancock County. Those books include reading tips for parents to help guide their child in engaging more deeply with the story. The Imagination Library is a perfect fit with the library’s strategic goals.

We are grateful to the many dedicated individuals who helped Hancock Literacy bring this important program to our community in 2014 and honored that they have entrusted the library to continue their success for years to come. Please check out the rest of this newsletter for more information on how you can support the Imagination Library.

Sarah Clevidence
Sarah Clevidence, Director
Findlay-Hancock County Public Library
We are pleased to announce the Findlay-Hancock County Public Library has assumed coordination of Dolly Parton’s Imagination Library program in Hancock County effective January 3, 2022.

Hancock Literacy, previously the Literacy Coalition of Hancock County, implemented the program in Hancock County in 2014. Just seven years later, that program has grown to include 52% of the eligible population. Hancock Literacy was dissolved as an agency effective Dec. 17.

The Friends of the Findlay-Hancock County Public Library will help facilitate this transition by holding existing donor dollars for the continued support of The Imagination Library program. Donors are encouraged to continue to support the program through the Hancock Literacy fund established at The Findlay-Hancock County Community Foundation.

Since launching in Tennessee in 1995, Dolly Parton’s Imagination Library has become the preeminent early childhood book gifting program in the world. The flagship program of The Dollywood Foundation has mailed well over 167 million free books in Australia, Canada, The Republic of Ireland, United Kingdom, and the United States. The Imagination Library mails more than 1.8 million high-quality, age-appropriate books each month to registered children from birth to age five. Dolly envisioned creating a lifelong love of reading in children and inspiring them to dream.

For more information on how to register for or donate towards the program, please contact the Findlay-Hancock County Public Library at 419-422-1712.

“The library is grateful to the dedicated individuals from Hancock Literacy who supported The Imagination Library in our community through its first seven years. We look forward to continuing their work to grow enrollment and support in our community.”

– Sarah Clevindence
Director
CHILDREN’S PROGRAMMING

AT-HOME MAKERSPACE WINTER REPEAT
February 1 & 15 at 6:00 pm on Facebook
Miss Sarah presents art, science, and engineering projects. Create something fun with supplies you can find at home. This winter, we are reposting our favorite videos on Facebook.

FAMILY PAJAMA PARTY STORYTIME
February 7 at 6:00 pm in the Lindamood Room
We will incorporate the same fun activities as our weekly Storytime, just later in the day when it’s more convenient for you. Space is limited and registration is required. Please register at findlaylibrary.org.

BABY STORYTIME
Wednesdays & Fridays at 9:30 am in the Lindamood Room starting February 9
We will sing, rhyme, read, and have fun with scarves and bells! Please register once per household at findlaylibrary.org.

MAKERSPACE FOR HOMESCHOOLERS: PUZZLES
February 3 at 2:00 pm in the Lindamood Room
Looking for a fun indoor activity this winter? Make your own puzzles! Space is limited and registration is required. Children under 10 must be accompanied by an adult. Registration and more information at findlaylibrary.org.

STORYTIME AT THE LIBRARY
Tuesdays and Thursdays at 9:30 am in the Lindamood Room starting February 8
Join us for an in-person Storytime at the library. We will sing, rhyme, and read together. Space is limited and registration is required. Please register for each Storytime you’d like to attend at findlaylibrary.org.

TWEEN NIGHT: LIBRARY OLYMPIC GAMES
February 10 at 6:00 pm in the Lindamood Room
Join us for book-inspired games, like book trivia and an obstacle course made of books. All competitors will win book prizes. This program is for tweens in grades 2-6. Registration and more information at findlaylibrary.org.

KIDS CLUB: BEYOND DIVERSITY
February 13 at 2:00 pm in the Lindamood Room
In partnership with the Borderless Relations Committee with support from On Earth Peace, Kids Club seeks to create a community of belonging by empowering kids through reading, discussion, and celebrating differences in cultures. Registration and more information at findlaylibrary.org.

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ZOOM STORYTIME
Tuesdays at 10:30 am in the Lindamood Room starting February 8
This is a weekly live and interactive Storytime experience for children via Zoom so you can join us from home or anywhere! Registration and more information at findlaylibrary.org.

For any programs that require registration, go to findlaylibrary.org, click on the calendar tab, then on the program in the calendar for the registration form.
FAMILY NIGHT: HOW DOES YOUR GARDEN GROW?
February 28 at 6:00 pm in the Lindamood Room
Spring is on its way soon, so let’s celebrate by learning all about growing plants. We’ll examine seeds, learn how to grow plants at home, and decorate a flowerpot. Space is limited and registration is required. Register once per household please, and households will be seated together. Children under 10 must be accompanied by an adult. Please register at findlaylibrary.org.

DRAWING CLUB: JAPANESE CALLIGRAPHY
February 17 at 6:00 pm in the Lindamood Room
Do you love to draw? Join us for drawing tutorials and hang out with other young artists. This month, we will be learning calligraphy. Exchange students from Japan who attend the University of Findlay will teach us. Recommended for grades 2 and up. Space is limited and registration is required. Children under 10 must be accompanied by an adult. More information and registration is available at findlaylibrary.org.

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Welcome to the Findlay-Hancock County Public Library
StoryWalk®

Riverside

BE STRONG
Pat Zietlow Miller, Illustrated by Jen Hill

Benton Ridge

all that I Am
Written by J.R. Clark, Illustrated by Laura Dalla
COLLEGE PREP: ACT, FAFSA, & SCHOLARSHIP
February 22 at 6:00 pm in the Lindamood Room
Teens and guardians are invited to attend a College Prep presentation by Sylvan Learning. Some of the topics of discussion will be ACT prep, FAFSA, and scholarships. There will be time at the end for a Q&A session. Please register at findlaylibrary.org.

SPICE WORLD
February 14-19 at the Library
This month we are making jollof for Black History Month. The kits will be available to pick up February 14-19. Please register at findlaylibrary.org.

TRAVELING TRIVIA
February 15 at 6:30 pm in the Lindamood Room
Join us as we host traveling trivia with Blanchard Valley Center! Compete as a team (4 members max) or as an individual for a chance to win amazing prizes. Adults and teens are welcome.

CELEBRATION OF THE DIVERSITY IN LANGUAGES WITHIN OUR COMMUNITY
February 16 at 6:00 pm in the Lindamood Room
Come and meet people from all over the world and learn about other languages.

MONEY MONDAY- STOCKS: THE NUTS AND BOLTS
February 28 at 5:30 pm on Zoom
As you consider your long-term financial goals, how do stocks measure up? More information and registration at findlaylibrary.org.

ADULT PROGRAMMING
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BE BETTER WITH BREAKFAST
February 2 at 4:30 pm in the Lindamood Room
Our February program will focus on breakfast foods, emphasizing quick and do-ahead healthy options for busy adults. Jennifer Little, Ohio State University Extension Educator, will be here to share her wealth of knowledge about all things nutrition. Please register for this program at findlaylibrary.org.

WINTER HEALTHY HABITS
February 9 at 6:00 pm in the Lindamood Room
Join Kirsten Seele, dietitian and health coach at Northwest Ohio Orthopedics, for a talk about Winter Healthy Habits and how to create routines that will set you up for success this year.

CRAFTERWORK
February 23 at 6:00 pm in the Lindamood Room
Come craft with us on the last Wednesday of each month! Register by calling 419-422-1737 or at findlaylibrary.org. Adults and teens 16+ are welcome. This month’s craft is Woven Bookmarks. This craft is free!

MARKETING YOUR WRITING WORKSHOP
February 24 at 6:00 pm in the Lindamood Room
This interactive workshop will help potential authors identify their audience and fine tune the basics to reach them. Registration and more information at findlaylibrary.org.

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FICTION ADDICTION
BOOK DISCUSSION
February 7 at 2:00 pm
in the Lindamood Room
Read The Book Woman of Troublesome Creek by Kim Michele Richardson and join the discussion in the Lindamood Room.

GENTLE READS
BOOK DISCUSSION
February 10 at 2:00 pm
in the Lindamood Room
Read Delilah: Treacherous Beauty by Angela Hunt and join us for a discussion.

LIT LOVERS
BOOK DISCUSSION
February 14 at 6:30 pm
in the Lindamood Room
Read In Order to Live by Yeonmi Park and join us for a great discussion.

BOWS AND BLASTERS
SCIENCE FICTION & FANTASY BOOK CLUB
February 9 at 6:00 pm
in the Blanchard Room
This month’s book is Far from the Light of Heaven by Tade Thompson. Copies are available at the Reference Desk and eBook copies are available on Libby. Join our Bows & Blasters Facebook group.

50 NORTH
BOOK DISCUSSION
February 17 at 10:00 am
at 50 North
Read The Book Woman of Troublesome Creek by Kim Michele Richardson, then join us at 50 North (339 E. Melrose Avenue, Findlay) for a discussion.

MONDAY AFTERNOON
BOOK GROUP
February 28 at 1:00 pm on Zoom
Join us on Zoom for a discussion of Sisters in Arms by Kaia Alderson. Please register at findlaylibrary.org.

Check our calendar for future book discussions and join us!

COMING SOON!

Sadeqa Johnson, Author of Yellow Wife
Feature Event at the Marathon Center for the Performing Arts
March 29, 2022 at 7:30 pm
Tickets $10 each at the Marathon Center for the Performing Arts ticket office, online at www.mcpa.org, or at the door the night of the event.
WHAT ARE WE CHECKING OUT?

- Poultrygeist by Eric Geron
- A Spell for Trouble: An Enchanted Bay Mystery by Esme Addison
- The Money Club by Jasmine Brown
- Iconic Women of Country
- Golden Girls Forever: An Unauthorized Look Behind the Lanai by Jim Colucci
- Blind Tiger by Annika Sharma
- Robert B. Parker's Stone's Throw by Mike Lupica
- Downton Abbey

To see new items, go to findlaylibrary.org & click on Catalog
The Findlay-Hancock County Public Library appreciates the opportunity to be a part of a lasting tribute that will be enjoyed by the entire community. Patrons often donate to the library to purchase a book(s) for a deceased family member, friend, or co-worker. Other patrons donate to purchase a book(s) in honor of retirements, birthdays, anniversaries, and special occasions.

Donors may suggest specific titles or subjects for memorials/honorariums or allow our professional selectors to choose appropriate items. A special bookplate will be placed in each donated book identifying the person being memorialized or honored, as well as the name of the donors. Please click here for more information or to donate, or contact us at 419-434-1480.
Are you a newcomer to the world of technology? We’re here for you! You can register for your own 30-minute session with an Adult Services staff member to learn more about subjects such as Microsoft Word, email, searching the internet, resume writing, smartphones & tablets, Facebook, eBooks, Pinterest, and general computer use. The sessions will focus on basic skills. Best of all, the training is free!

Patrons are limited to one session per month. Each session focuses on one subject. Patrons can choose what specific issues they want to learn about within the class selected. The classes are intended for hands-on training meant to address individual questions. Unfortunately, staff is unable to assist with hardware problems and/or virus repair. For more information or to register, call the Adult Services Department at 419-422-1737.
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Book Cellar 419-434-1044
Children’s Services 419-434-1077
Circulation Services 419-422-1712
Extension and Outreach Services 419-434-1123
Local & Family History 419-434-1143
Media Services 419-434-1036
Read for Life 419-422-3755
Teen Services 419-434-1300

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BOOKMOBILE SCHEDULE

MONDAY
Arcadia 2:30 PM - 4:30 PM
Van Buren 5:00 PM - 7:00 PM

TUESDAY
Vanlue 2:30 PM - 4:30 PM
Mt. Blanchard 5:00 PM - 7:00 PM

WEDNESDAY
Mt. Cory 2:30 PM - 4:30 PM
Benton Ridge 5:00 PM - 7:00 PM

THURSDAY
Jenera 2:30 PM - 4:30 PM
Rawson 5:00 PM - 7:00 PM

SENIOR TOWERS
1st & 3rd Tuesday of each month
11:30 AM - 12:30 PM
50 NORTH
1st & 3rd Friday of each month
10:30 AM - 12:30 PM